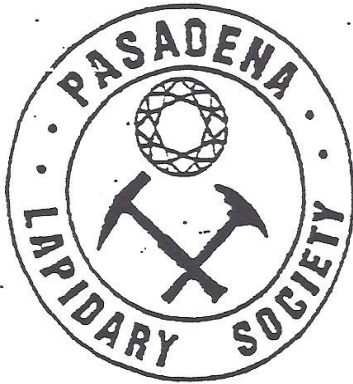


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FIELD TRIPS

Held monthly and announced in the bulletin and at meetings. All members and their guests are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL SHOW

For 2000, the show will be held at the San Marino Masonic Temple, 3130 Huntington Drive, San Marino, March 10 and 11, 2001

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are currently \$15.00 annually per person and are due by Dec. 31st. each year. Membership includes one copy, per address, of the monthly club bulletin.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of the month, January through October, 7:30 p.m., (second Wednesdays in November and December), at the Sierra Madre Methodist Church, corner of Michillinda & Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre - All are welcome.

BOARD MEETINGS

Fourth Wednesday of the month, January through October, 7:30 p.m., (Third Wednesdays in November and December), at the First Federal Savings and Loan on the corner of Santa Anita Avenue and Footmill Blvd. in Arcadia - All PLS members are welcome.

BADGES

Club Badges - \$6.00, Show Badges - \$4.00

RAFFLE TABLE

Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$3.00

SALES TABLE

Periodically, many items are made available to members and guests to raise funds for club activities.

GUESTS

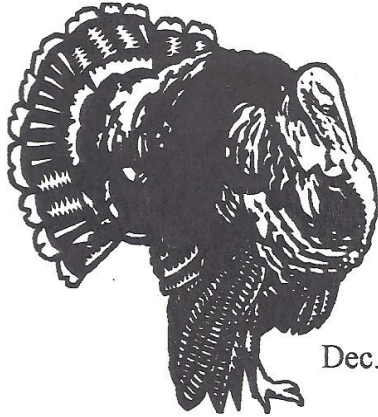
Guests are always welcome at all of our workshops, general meetings and field trips. Slabs at the sign-in table are exclusively for our guests.

MEMBER SALES

Per PLS By-laws, any member using the club bulletin or club activities to sell items must donate 10% of the sale to the club.

WORKSHOPS

Everyone who attends workshop needs to donate \$1.00 to the workshop fund to help pay for incidentals used. Also, please sign the guest book.



Important Dates

- Nov. 14 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sierra Madre Methodist Church
Nov. 28 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Location to be determined
(Note date change)
Nov. 22 – 25 Thanksgiving Field Trip to Lavic
Dec. 2 Workshop 1 pm at Todd & Chris Neikirk's house
Dec. 12 6:30 pm Holiday Pot Luck at Sierra Madre Methodist Church

President's Message

Note that we are meeting on the second Wednesday of this month and next. Mark your calendars.

The Operating Regulations were voted on at the last Board Meeting and the board finds them satisfactory. There will be copies at the General Meeting for everyone to have and read.

The Board also voted on a change of meeting site. Our meetings, starting in January will be at the Masonic Center in Sierra Madre. We will be meeting in the dining Hall, which is a straight walk in from the parking lot. The center is located on Sierra Madre Blvd. about 2 miles east from where we now meet. It is the second building east from Baldwin Ave on the north side of the street.

We are voting on the new slate of officers at the next general meeting.

This month our "lesson is on the Golden Bear Nugget. The symbol of the CFMS.

See you at the meeting.

Sandie Fender

Dues are due

It's that time of year again when the dues are due. According to the By – Laws, Article IV, sec. (c) Dues fall due on the 1st day of October of each year. To remain a member in good standing, a member must pay by the close of the December meeting. All members who have not paid by the end of the December meeting will automatically be dropped from the membership list. Please take the few minutes and pay you dues. Thanks. **The easiest way to pay your dues is to send a check off to our Treasurer, Mark Abrams 3316 Paraiso Way La Crescenta, CA. 91214-1249**

Programs

The last program for this year is a video on diamonds. This video is by the same company that did the video on Gold that we have watched.

Don't forget to start making plans for our annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner, on December 12 at 6:30 pm.

By – Laws

You can pick up your copy (one per family) of the new operating regulations at the next meeting.

Show

Everything is progressing for the show. Several new ideas to try out at the show this next year. If you have any ideas please give them to Alex.

Displays

The display for November will be Topaz and Citrine. Also things collected at Castle Butte and the US Borax Company

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has met and come up with the following slate of officers:

President: Todd Neikirk

Vice President: Art Chamberlain

Secretary: Chris Kyte

Treasurer: Chris Neikirk

Federation Director: Vern Cliffe

Alternate Federation Director: Jo Anna Ritchey

This slate of officers will be voted on at the November meeting. This list does not include the trustees as these are not elected positions. FYI: 1st Trustee: Sandie Fender, 2nd Trustee: Gail Polson, 3rd Trustee Tony Fender.



The Golden Bear Nugget

This outstanding and unusually formed crystallized gold nugget is the property of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS).

The history of the nugget is rather obscure. The story has it that it was picked up (date about 1857) in a sluice box at the Georgia Hills Mine in Jim, California, by a fourteen year old girl.

Upon her death at the age of 75, a son or brother pledged the nugget for a loan from an engineer from the Division of Mines. The nugget was foreclosed by the engineer. He wanted to recover his money and offered it to C. D. Woodhouse, who regularly visited the Division of Mines. Mr. Woodhouse purchased the nugget for \$300.00 in 1937. It was shown to the CFMS and a decision was made to purchase it in June of 1938. The CFMS made its final payment in 1940. Mr. Woodhouse's attempt to obtain further information on the nugget was unsuccessful.

The purchase price was \$300.00, but its value as a unique specimen, like anything that cannot be duplicated or replaced, can be considered in the realm of "priceless." Physically, the Golden Bear is a magnificent specimen and is readily recognized by its characteristic shape. It is on exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, but each year it is put on display at the annual convention show.

Weight:..... 1 oz. 19.2 grains Troy

Maximum Height: .. 2 1/4 inches

Maximum Width:... 1 5/16 inches

Small replicas of the Golden Bear Nugget are used as CFMS pins and lapel buttons. This replica with the silver gavel is used as a pin for the past Presidents of the individual Member Societies and Clubs, and with a gold gavel for past CFMS Presidents.

Raffle

The raffle for the meetings is doing great, but now is the time to start thinking about the raffle for the show. It is requested that each member donate an item for the raffle at the show. Please be thinking about what you could donate. Todd would like to take pictures of several of the prizes to have to make prize cards that could be shown when you are trying to sell tickets. Also, please try not to wait until the last minute to give the prizes to Todd.

CFMS NEWS

The CFMS held it's annual meeting on Nov. 10 and elected Jo Anna Ritchey as President. Congratulations, Jo Anna !!

Desert Advisory Council (DAC)

There will be a meeting of the DAC in El Centro on Dec. 8

Workshop News

For the next workshop, on Dec.2nd, bring what you want to work on, or show off. **Remember that if the weather seems a bit inclement then please phone Todd to see if we are having a workshop.** If you can't get through to Todd, then phone Tony and Sandie, before 12:30. **Don't forget about the potluck dinner after we finish working.** It is also best to supply your own chairs.

Treasures from Clarence and Jessie Chittenden

At the workshops and general meeting Harry and Arlene will be bringing "treasures" that belonged to Clarence and Jessie. This will include some of their rock, some of their cabinetry and other such treasures. As Harry has stated, "If it is in the truck, it is free to whomever wants it." So stop by the truck and see if there is something you can't live without.

Dues are Due

Field trip for October

The field trip for October was to Castle Butte. Friday afternoon was very pleasant weather wise and we had a show of military planes practicing different procedures including one plane that was refueling, after first getting there one planes dropped very low over camp just to see us and what we where doing.

Saturday morning had everyone gathering and heading over to the clay cut below the old mine. While exploring there, we noticed someone come into camp. It was Hank Debick; we drove back and invited him to join us, which after returning some rock to the desert, he did. From there we went to the purple agate area, after a little bit of digging and searching, everyone found something that they where happy with.

Using the GPS coordinates given to us by Jay Valle we headed over to the bloodstone, taking a short side trip first, which led us to a very interesting and “under collected area” where we all found some jasper and agate and maybe even wood.

We then found the correct road and headed off for the bloodstone. Stopping at the coordinates we started looking and finding some bloodstone, Sandie wasn't happy with where we were looking “it just isn't quite right” and headed up the wash about 50 yards and found the old digging area. Everyone collected here and found some wonderful material with lots of red specks and some with gold specks.

The rest of he afternoon was spent checking out different areas and having a great time! We headed back to camp for “bragging and relaxing time”. We were then visited by Don and Cheri George (some of the dealers at the show). Dinner was done in a continental style with an appetizer of Shrimp cocktail, followed by salad, then the main course then desert. Tony tried his bananas flambé but the wind was up a little bit so the flambé wasn't as high as normal, but they stilled tasted good.

Sunday morning we headed over to the U. S. Borax Mine where we were meeting up with the North Orange County Club. They do not let you collect on the tailings piles anymore due to the asbestos levels, but they did bring a new scoop of material out from the mine. We collected from this pile and found ulexite, colmanite and other minerals. We also visited the visitor's center, where you get to view the mine. It is the largest open pit borax mine in to world.

After collecting at the visitor's center, we headed into Boron where we had lunch at a Mexican Restaurant where the locals hang out. After a delightful lunch, we headed home from another wonderful PLS trip.

Dues are due

Thanksgiving Field Trip

The Field trip over Thanksgiving will be to Lavic and the Southern Cady area. We will be exploring different areas every day, Thursday we will probably stay in the general Lavic area. Friday, an all day trip to the Southern Cadys, maybe even up Broadwell Lake to the Christmas Tree Agate area, Saturday to the Chase-Baghdad Mine for the Copper Ores there. Obviously the Pot-luck theme is Thanksgiving. We will be joined on this trip with the North Orange County Club.

• GIVE THANKS

Not only on November 22nd, but each and every day of your life. We tend to take our blessings for granted. We have done nothing to earn them....they are given to us freely, in the expectation that we will use them wisely. Be generous with your friends, and with those who need a friend-you could make a difference in the life of someone whose blessings are not so abundant as yours. (from CFMS Newsletter)

Show Dates

November 17-18 2001, Victorville, CA

Victorville Gem & Mineral Club
14800 7th Street
Hours: 9-5 both days
Show Chairman - Gil Gilbert (760) 868-6900
Publicity Chairman - Doug Arnold -
E-mail: oldjasper@earthlink.net

November 24-25 2001, Barstow, CA

Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society
Barstow Community Center
841 S Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 both days
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

December 1-2 2001, San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Corner of E Street and 31st Street
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Tony Gilham (909) 820-2122